

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 9, 1848.

Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. JOHNSON, of Louisiana, made the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. No. 133.]

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of
Welcome Parmeter, submit the following report:*

This claim was presented to the Senate at the first session of the last Congress, and a favorable report made thereon. The evidence now presented being the same as then, and the committee being satisfied as to the correctness of the report then made, now adopt it as a part of their report.

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—June 27, 1846.

Mr. JOHNSON, of Louisiana, made the following report:

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of
Welcome Parmeter, report:*

The petitioner alleges that in the year 1835 he enlisted as a private in the army of the United States for three years, and served out the full term; that in the month of January, 1840, he again enlisted as a private in the army of the United States for the term of five years, and that in the month following he was promoted to the rank of corporal, and so continued to serve until he met with an injury which occasioned the loss of his left eye, in the following manner: That, being on duty as corporal of the guard, at Fort Wood, in the harbor of New York, in September, 1840, he was ordered by his commanding officer to patrol, and go round the island on which the troops were stationed, every thirty minutes during the night, desertions at that time being frequent by means of boats; that while thus on duty, he heard a noise which sounded like the rowing of a boat, and making quickly towards the place from

whence the noise came, (it being a very dark and rainy night,) he came in contact with a twig, or a branch of a tree, and run a stick into his left eye, which occasioned blindness in that eye; and that his right eye became affected, probably from sympathy with the eye already diseased, and that he is now nearly blind in both his eyes.

The committee are satisfied, from the evidence of the surgeon in the service of the United States at Fort Wood, at the time, as well as from the other evidence on file in the case, that the injury complained of by the petitioner was received by him while acting in the line of his duty, and that it amounts to a total disability. The committee, therefore, report a bill for his relief.